

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 are hereby amended. Accordingly, claims 1-7 are currently pending.

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 5, 2006, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group 1, claims 1 and 2, for continued examination, without prejudice or disclaimer. However, Applicants have amended the claims such that the Restriction is no longer applicable. Thus, Applicants request that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn.

It is noted that claim 3 has been amended to cancel the limitation of “simultaneously.” This limitation unnecessarily limited the claim because, as set forth in the disclosure, the first and second water supply valves could be turned on in various ways, including successively or simultaneously. Support for this amendment can be found on page 7, lines 5-18 of the disclosure. The Applicant further notes that claim 3 has been amended to be dependent upon claim 1.

The application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

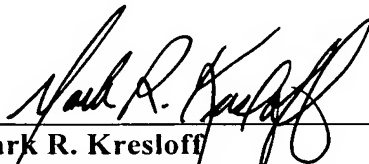
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If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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